

To the Urban Sanitary Authority Bridport
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Gentlemen,

I beg to hand you my report for the year ending 1899. On the annexed Table A. you will find a correct list of deaths, viz: 111 or 18.5 per 1,000. This is rather higher than usual, but can be accounted for by the fact that during the time two epidemics of Influenza were prevalent. There have been no deaths from Zymotic disease; 24 deaths occurred among children under 5 years of age, 4.0 per 1,000 which is also too high; 6 deaths occurred in the Borough of people not belonging to it.

The births number 163.

This year, as far as Zymotic disease is concerned, has been the healthiest since the Notification Act came into force, as only 5 notifications have been received, viz: 2 of Enteric, and one of these was contracted at a distance, 2 of Erysipelas, of the face, and 1 of Diphtheria. This was verified by the Clinical Research Association.

The Isolation Hospital has been used once for a case of Erysipelas.

The Water Supply has been plentiful from both sources.

Workshops have been visited and found satisfactory.

The Milk Supply. Samples have been taken during the past year, not only for quality as heretofore, but for microscopic examination to prove if any tubercular disease existed. This was not found, but matter of a purulent nature was found, proving that in some

instances, cows with unhealthy udders were used. I issued a special circular to all cowkeepers warning them of the consequences of selling milk from cows with bad udders. For the future I shall periodically have the milk examined in both ways, and may have to ask you for some veterinary assistance to enable me to get a conviction when purulent matter is found by the microscope to exist.

During the past year I have again paid much attention to the disposal of sewage, and have had the co-operation of the Sanitary Committee. We have visited the works of other places, and I have no doubt that in a short time the Corporation will apply the results of these enquiries to dealing, in the first place, with the sewage now going into Cantreyn Brook.

Removal of Ashes. This is still very unsatisfactory, and I am surprised to find that such a few of the householders have adopted the box system. Those who have done so find the benefit of getting clean premises once a week.

The carts will call regularly if requested. Food Supply during the year. I have had no food unfit for eating submitted to me. The slaughter houses have been regularly inspected.

Footpaths. There are still a great many downpipes which run over the pavements, these are a great nuisance, and should be made to go under the pathways.

During the year the town water has been further extended to Danesford.

I append a list of work done by the Sanitary Inspector:-

Number of houses which have been inspected during the year, either in connection of outbreaks of infectious disease, or in consequence of complaints, or in course of a systematic survey.	About 1,000, some several times.
Total number of notices of all kinds served including both formal and informal notices.	16.
Approximate number of such notices complied with.	13.
New drains to be constructed or old ones amended.	15.
New closets to be constructed or old ones amended.	3.
Offensive accumulations of all kinds.	20.
Animals so kept as to be a nuisance.	20.
The poor Houses overcrowded, (no notices)	Only a few cases, not bad.
No proceedings taken during the year in connection with any of the above notices, or for offering bad meat for sale, or,	
Public exposure of infected persons or things, or,	
Offences against Bye-laws and Regulations relating either to Slaughter houses, Bakehouses, Milkshops, Lodging houses, Offensive trades, &c.	

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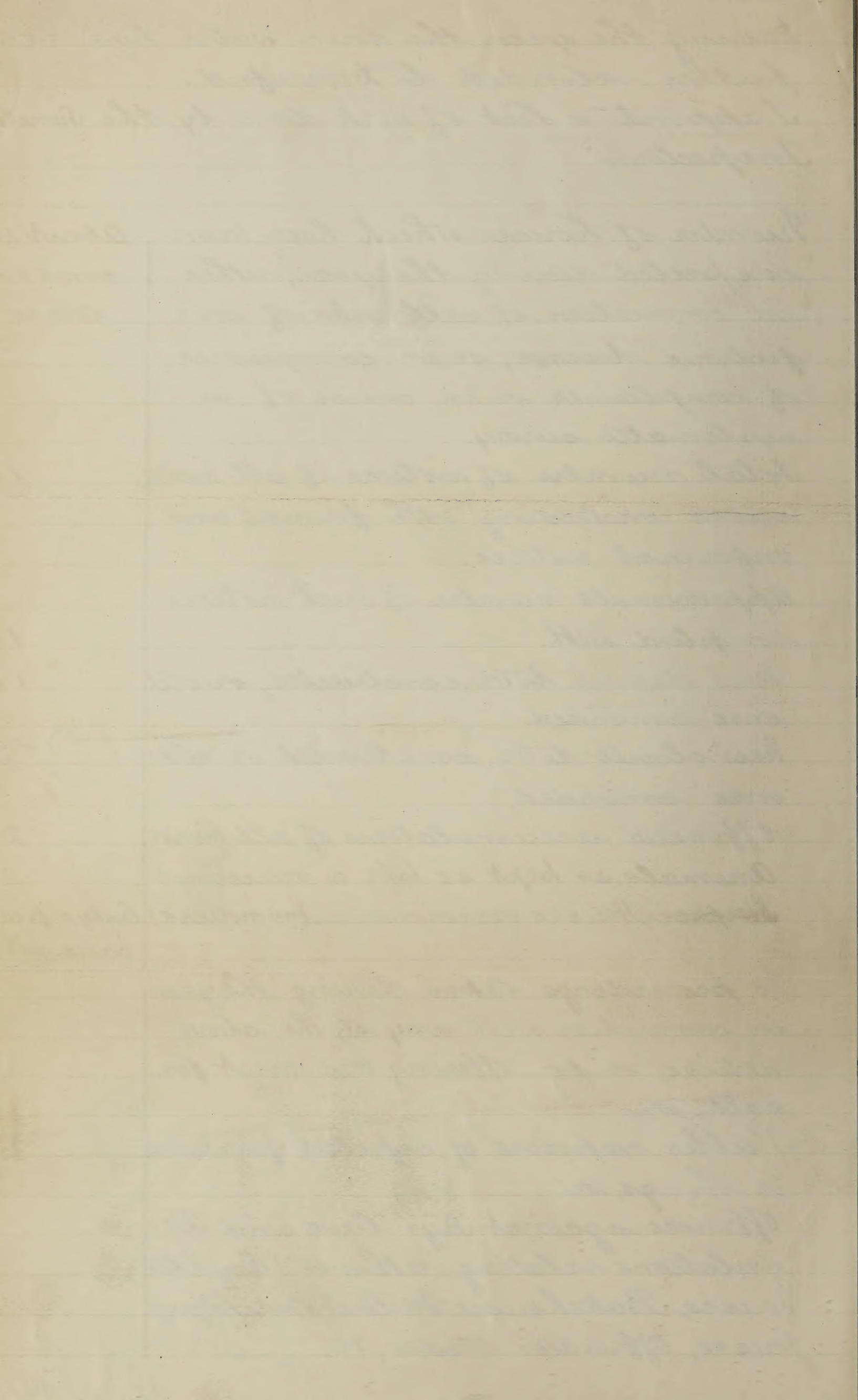


TABLE OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, AND OF NEW CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS, coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1899, in the District; classified according to DISEASES, AGES and LOCALITIES.

NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; Public Institutions being shown as separate localities. (See Note 2 on back of sheet.)	POPULATION AT ALL AGES.			Registered Births.	Aged under 5 or over 5.	NEW CASES OF SICKNESS IN EACH LOCALITY, COMING TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.													NUMBER OF SUCH CASES REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES IN THE SEVERAL LOCALITIES FOR TREATMENT IN ISOLATION HOSPITAL.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
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State here whether "Notification of Infectious Disease" is compulsory in the District Yes. Since when? 1890

blank headings the names of any other diseases that are notifiable in the District, and fill the columns accordingly. State here the name of the Isolation Hospital used by the sick of the District. Mark (H) the Locality in which such Hospital is situated; or if not within the District, state where it is situated. 15 Isolation Hospital

Besides the above-mentioned Diseases, insert in the columns with

NOTES ON TABLE B.

(See also Notes on back of Table A.)

NOTE 1. The present *Table B.* is concerned with population, births, and sickness (not with mortality) in the district or division to which the Table relates.

2. As stated in the heading of Col. (a), *Public Institutions* should be regarded as separate localities, and the new cases of sickness in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmaries, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received, are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.

3. *Comments on any unequal incidence of notifiable disease upon the several localities, and considerations as to the local incidence of Consumption and other prevalent diseases, should be made in the text of the Report.*

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* The heading of column 19 is left blank for the insertion of Influenza, or any other disease which it may be thought desirable to record.

NOTES ON TABLES A AND B.

- NOTE 1. *Medical Officers of Health of "Combined Districts" must make a separate Return for the District of each District Council.*
2. *Medical Officers of Health acting for a portion only of the District of a District Council should write, in the heading of the Table, the designation of the Division for which they act.*
3. *The words "Urban," "Rural," or "Metropolitan" must be inserted in the appropriate space in the heading, according as the District is Urban or Rural, or is within the Metropolitan Area.*
4. *The "Localities" adopted for the purpose of these statistics should be areas of known population; such as parishes, groups of parishes, townships or wards.*

As stated at the head of the first column in each Table, *Public Institutions* should be regarded as separate localities, and the deaths in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmarys, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.

5. *The deaths which have to be classified in this Table (A), and summed up in the horizontal line of "Totals," are the whole of those registered as having actually occurred in the several localities comprised within the Division or District. But the registered number of deaths frequently requires correction before it can give an exact view of the mortality of a Division or District; and the two lowest horizontal lines are provided for the purpose of enabling Medical Officers of Health to indicate, to the best of their ability, what the extent of such corrections should be. Details concerning the corrective figures, e.g., the institutions that have been considered, or the particular localities to which corrections apply, may appear in the text of the report or in supplementary tables.*

Area and Population of the District or Division to which this Return relates.	
Area in Acres	2487
Population (Last Census)	5865
" (Estimated to middle of 1899)	6000
Death Rates.	General 18:5 { per 1,000 Population, estimated to middle of 1899.
	Infant (under one year of age) 117:1 { per 1,000 Births Registered.

In recording the facts under the various headings of Tables A and B, attention has been given to the notes endorsed on the Tables.

A. Bethell Medical Officer of Health.

(Date) Feb. 13:, 1900.